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CLOSURE OF INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several industries have been closed down consequent upon declaring Agra as Taj Trapezium Zone by the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up pollution free factories in Agra;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

(a) to (d) The Hon`ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 13381 of 1984 has passed various orders from time to time, consequent to which, the Government of India/ State Government of Uttar Pradesh / Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority / Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board have taken several actions for protection and improvement of environment as under:

Closure of Thermal Power Generation Plant, Agra;

Dieselization of Railway Yard, Agra;

Prohibition of establishment / expansion of polluting industries;

Closure of coal / coke based industries at Agra and closure of polluting industries except those equipped with adequate Pollution Control Systems in TTZ;

Closure of Brick Kilns within TTZ.

The Government has also directed the Commissioner, Agra Division / Chairman, T.T.Z Authority, Agra on 11-07-2012 that fuels like Compressed Natural Gas / Liquified Petroleum Gas /Liquified Natural Gas create pollution like Nitrous Oxide (NOx) during combustion. In view of this and the ban imposed on establishment of new industries with any pollution potential, establishment of new gas based glass industries and expansion of existing industries in TTZ will not be desirable.

With regard to setting up of pollution free factories in Agra, the Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board is regulating operation of industries for ensuring that they do not cause pollution.